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## Town Meeting Refuses Building By-law 75-66

A small percentage of registered voters took action at Tuesday's town meeting to raise and appropriate \$350,408.11—\$9,822.12 over last year's figure of \$310,585.99. Transfers were made as follows:

From available funds in the treasury, \$63,150; from overlay reserve, \$3,000; from the road machinery fund, \$6,700; a total of \$72,850.

The greatest single appropriation was \$113,811 for the Pioneer Valley regional school. Last year the amount appropriated was \$66,631. 1958 will be the first full year of the school's operation.

The meeting was attended by about 200 persons, at times more or less as some folks came early and others came later and folks were leaving at any time after 9 o'clock. An official count at one time was 166 and the only paper ballot showed 145, another count showed 135 voting. The surprise of the evening was the refusal of the voters to adopt the so-called building by-law proposed by the planning board. This was defeated by a paper ballot, requested from the floor, which resulted in 75 voting "No" and 66 voting "Yes."

This called for a permit to be issued by the selectmen for any building anywhere in town to be built larger than 7 ft. high, 7 ft. wide and 7 ft. long and from the discussion it seemed that the voters were uncertain as to what the by-law might entail.

The report of the summer playground committee was accepted and the committee discharged.

The sum of \$500 was then voted to finance a summer playground for the children of Northfield and the moderator was authorized to appoint a committee of three to make provisions for the playground.

This committee gave a fine and sensible report and this was shown by the vote of 85 in favor and 50 opposed. The report follows:

The organization, administration and supervision of playgrounds cover a variety of activities and include many problems. Both activities and problems are conditioned by local circumstances.

Conditions vary in each town to such an extent that an over all policy and program must allow for considerable variation and adjustments must be made to meet the conditions.

The primary aim is to provide a safe environment and provide wholesome opportunities of play. It should provide practice, instruction and competition.

The committee feels a playground starting for the first time should start in a small way with careful supervision and cautious development so that the activities presented are well supervised, well organized and carried on with safety, that is, a few activities well developed and well co-ordinated with the existing conditions.

We realize that a successful program usually depends upon its leadership. Voluntary leadership has never proved satisfactory. Therefore, to run a program it is necessary to hire trained supervisors. We have asked for an appropriation of \$500 with the following points in mind:

1. The committee agreed that if a program was started it should run July 7th-August 8th.

2. An agreement was reached that the children to be eligible should be in grades 1-8. This would make 380 available children.

3. The program, it was decided, should include the older children three days and the younger two days from 9-12 a.m.

4. It was agreed that tying-in the summer playground with Kiwanis Kiddie Day, the PTA recreational program and the Pee Wee and Little Leagues would give a well rounded and complete program.

5. The direction and leadership—Two full time trained supervisors, paid with the money appropriated.

6. Transportation would have to be furnished by parents to and from the playground.

7. Budget—for the head playground instructor, a male, about \$200 for the four weeks. For his assistant, a lady, about \$25 to \$35 per week. The balance to go for equipment and miscellaneous.

8. The Franklin County YMCA of Greenfield is prepared to help run a program.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the work necessary to be done on the Schell bridge. The money asked for amounted to \$2,000 to be paid by the town and \$13,000 to be paid by the state and county funds. Of this it was estimated that \$10,000 would be the cost of painting and \$5,000 to pay the cost of mechanical care which included welding work, new plates, tie rod repair and a new deck.

The interesting statements were made that the bridge is at the present time in a dangerous condition; that the bridge is only 17 ft. 3½ in. between the wheel guards, not room enough for convenient two-way traffic; when considering the estimated cost of painting a former selectman gave information that when the bridge was last painted in 1942 it cost \$2,029.42 and all the work was done with local men. State engineers have stated that the abutments and piers of the bridge are in good condition. The bridge will be posted for a load limit of eight tons. The article was voted on favorably and it was felt that the sooner the work was done the better.

Many of the articles were routine and were quickly voted according to the recommendations of the finance committee.

A few changes were made under article 5: an item for tax collector's expense of \$600 was added which had been omitted from the article.

The sum for aid to dependent children was reduced from \$6,000 to \$5,000.

The sum of \$91,388 for schools was voted without discussion.

Mr. Turner was asked to explain the budget items for the Pioneer Valley regional school. As this is a new expense to the town, voters will have to remember that the time to question or oppose this appropriation is at the annual budget hearing held by the Pioneer Valley regional school committee in November.

The item for damages was reduced from \$600 to \$300; snow removal was raised from \$7,000 to \$9,000 and the statement was made that this last heavy snowstorm cost the town about \$2,000.

When asked how much the town had saved by having the town clock electrified, Mr. Barnes, selectman, answered "Nothing."

The item for town hall care includes money for repairs and painting on the exterior.

The report of the revaluation

## G.S. Net \$180.77 On Recent Sale

The Girl Scout rummage sale held on Saturday, March 1, netted the group \$180.77. The food sale brought in \$41.25 of this amount. Although the sale was deemed very successful by all they had hoped to reach a goal of \$200. The thanks of all connected with the Girl Scouts go to all who contributed and helped in any way with the sale. Special appreciation goes to James Callaghan, Hamilton Cregar and Winthrop Sander son for the use of trucks and to Stanley Pervers and Russell Reed who assisted, and to the Northfield hotel, Mr. Forslund at Mount Hermon and Mrs. Wickey for the loan of coat racks. The proceeds from the sale were to help pay for the recently installed new oil burner at the Little House.

and equalization committee was received and the committee continued in an advisory capacity for the assessors and it was voted that the assessors start the program with \$1,500 being appropriated for that work. A. Gordon Moody presented the report which had already been printed in the town report.

The sum of \$200 was appropriated to set out shade trees on our town streets other than Main street which is taken care of by the state.

By vote a committee of three will be named by the moderator to study the advisability of purchasing the Northfield Water company and to prepare a tentative plan to purchase and operate the same.

Robert Huber gave the report of the committee which had been studying the plan of group insurance for town employees. At least 75% of this group must participate in the plan and a check of the employees had showed that many would not want to consider it or already had such insurance. The committee reported the plan not feasible and the articles concerning it were passed over.

The request of the selectmen that they be authorized to appoint police chief and a \$50 expense item was denied by vote. The argument against it seemed to be that Chap. 41, Section 97 of the General Laws set up a separate police department.

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## 226 of 1239 Northfield Voters Cast Ballots in Town Election

### New Explorer Crew Organized in Nfld.

At a meeting last Friday evening Richard Maynard was elected senior crew leader of a new Explorer crew which was organized with Gilbert Stacy as leader.

James Neigh was elected deputy senior crew leader; Dana Caldwell, secretary, and Jonathan Green, events director. Present also were Philip Howe and Roger Reed. Scoutmaster Winthrop Sander demonstrated the use of a blanket stretcher and the proper handling of a stretcher victim.

The group will meet for a special business meeting each month and will conduct special events as well as plan for regular Scout meetings each Monday.

### 80 Cub Scouts Enjoy Blue and Gold Supper

The Northfield Grange served the second annual Blue and Gold supper Thursday evening to 80 Cub Scouts and their parents. Bertram Rogers, cub scoutmaster, directed the program. The following awards were made:

Richard Schepp, bobcat badge; Richard Hanrahan, Ralph Hall, bear badges; Richard Waterman, wolf badge; James Caron, three silver and one gold arrow point on tifYMIytf2Nfga...ufoaCrd 1A-his wolf badge.

Dr. Carlton Woods introduced Albert Karner of Greenfield who entertained all with tricks of magic. Mrs. James Callaghan's den won the prize for the best attendance.

### Public Whist Party To Benefit MD Fund

A public progressive whist party is being held at the Guiding Star Grange hall in Greenfield Saturday evening, March 8, at 8 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the muscular dystrophy fund. The affair is being sponsored by the home and community service committee of the Grange.

### Glee Club Festival Slated for Saturday

The seventh annual preparatory school's Glee Club Festival will take place at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, March 8, in the Northfield auditorium, East Northfield.

Participating in this annual event will be Mount Hermon school, Deerfield academy, Kimball Union academy, Lenox academy, Vermont academy and Williston academy.

The public is cordially invited to attend this concert which is given without charge.

### Holy Name Society To Sponsor Dance

At the meeting of the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church on Monday evening a general discussion of plans for continued work at the church hall was held. The group voted to sponsor a square dance at the Pioneer Valley regional school gymnasium on April 18. Richard Vielmetti was named as chairman of the committee on arrangements for the dance.

A total of 226 votes were cast at Monday's town election, 18.2% of the total number of 1239 registered voters. With no contests the following officers were elected as officers for the town for this year 1958:

Town clerk, Horace F. Field, 220 votes; town treasurer, Charles P. Slate, 222 votes; selectman, three years, Corys M. Heselton, 214 votes; assessor, three years, Lee H. Sheldon, 216 votes; moderator, Edgar J. Livingston, 206 votes; school committee, three years, Evelyn U. True, 205 votes; cemetery commissioner, three years, Owen Stacey, 209 votes; library trustees, three years, Jean P. Hathaway, 203 votes; tree warden, Joseph Bilmon, 219 votes; tax collector, Roy J. Fish, 208 votes; constables, Paul E. Chamberlain, 216 votes; Joseph G. Morgan, 210 votes; Niles E. Stone, 214 votes; Murray M. Hammond, 208 votes; planning board, five years, Agnes F. Hammond, 207 votes; Pioneer Valley regional school district committee, three years, William H. Hawley, 210 votes.

### Center School Pupils To Receive TB Tests

Pupils at the Center school whose parents have signed permission slips will receive tuberculosis tests on Monday in a new testing program. It is being sponsored by the state department of public health in cooperation with the local board of health and school committees. It is to be directed by Mrs. Priscilla Abbott, executive director of the county public health association with Dr. Boris Vanadzin, assistant district health officer, and Miss Cecelia Geran, field nurse supervisor, with the state department of public health. Pupils at the Pioneer Valley regional school will also be tested.

### 49 PF Members To Make N.Y. Trip

There were 49 young people attending the meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday evening at the Trinitarian Congregational church. Frank Stewart led devotions. It was reported that the group made \$36 on the square dance they recently sponsored. A roller skating party was held Wednesday, March 5, at the Brattleboro rink. Cars left Aldrich's Store and the Northfield Pharmacy at 7 o'clock. Plans for the trip to New York were discussed with 49 eligible for the trip. Mrs. Joseph W. Reeves spoke on "Would I Date Me?"

### Youth Group Make Posters for Dance

At the meeting Sunday evening of the Unitarian Youth Group Roger Reed led the devotional service and Dana Caldwell was in charge of refreshments. Each member had invited a friend and they made posters for a square dance which they are planning, the date not definite.

At next Sunday evening's meeting Clemma Black will be in charge of the worship service and David Billings in charge of refreshments. There will be a discussion of "Teen Problems."

### EVENING ALLIANCE

The Evening Alliance of the Unitarian church will meet at 7:30 Wednesday evening, March 12, at the church. The meeting was postponed from March 6. Mrs. Albert Anderson will speak on the 1957 Glidden Tour.

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## Church Notes

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

REV. JOSEPH W. REEVES, Minister

MRS. F. H. MOSSE, Director of

Christian Education

IRVING J. LAWRENCE, Choir

Director

MRS. BELLE MARDEN, Organist

9:45, church school.

11 a.m., Public worship. Third Sunday in Lent. Sermon subject, "This I Believe." Holy communion will be observed. Girl Scouts and their leaders will be guests. Students from the Northfield School for Girls will attend children of pre-school age and grades 1-4.

5:15 p.m., Pastor's class in church membership for those of the teenage meeting in the new church school rooms off the balcony.

6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People meeting in the vestry. Sally Sheldon will lead devotions. Foreign students from the Northfield School for Girls will be guests and will speak.

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Bible study for women 20-40 years of age. Mr. Reeves teaching the course. Study Matthew 5. Children attended by Mrs. Horace Field and Mrs. George Hillock.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Brotherhood supper served by W. W. Sanderson, his committee and Boy Scouts. John W. Haigis of Greenfield, guest and speaker. His subject, "Old Deerfield."

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., mid-week Lenten service. Hymn sing and guest minister, the Rev. Louis Kirkin of the Trinity Fellowship, Shelburne Falls.

Friday, 3:00 p.m., Youth choir rehearsal. Mrs. Robert P. Barnes, director and accompanist.

We shall participate in the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering on Sunday, March 16.

NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH

CHARLES D. MOORE, Minister

MRS. L. P. GOODSPRING, Organist and Choir Director

RAY A. KNAPP, Church School Superintendent

Sunday, 9:45 a.m. worship sermon topic, "Religious Madadjustment."

9:45, church school with classes for all ages.

7 p.m., Youth group, discussion of "Teen Age Problems."

March 12, 7:30 p.m., Evening Alliance. Speaker, Mrs. Albert Anderson on the 1957 Glidden Tour

## ST. PATRICK'S Catholic

REV. HENRY McKEON, Pastor  
REV. ANTHONY RZASA, Curate

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., mass.

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 8 p.m., St. Patrick's Guild. Speaker, Miss Winifred Curtis of Greenfield. She will exhibit and speak about her collection of crosses.

NORTHFIELD BAPTIST  
REV. PAUL L. BUBAR, Pastor  
SAMUEL A. BISHOP, Organist  
MRS. RICHARD NEIPP, Assistant Organist

MRS. RALPH PERRY, Pianist

Saturday, March 8, 7 p.m., the Couples club will meet at the church to go bowling.

Sunday, 8:15 a.m., worship, WHAI.

10 a.m.—Sunday school, Mrs. William Messer, superintendent.

11 a.m.—Morning worship with sermon.

Nursery and junior church at same hour.

6:30 p.m.—Young People.

7, pre-evening service prayer.

7:30, evening evangelistic hour.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., Bible study.

Thursday evening, "Hour of Power" at 7:30.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH  
REV. RICHARD GRIFFIN, Pastor  
MISS HAZEL JOY MARCY, Organist  
LAURENCE MARCY, Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday, 10:30-11:30, a.m., Sunday school.

11:30-12:30 p.m., worship service.

Missionary Sunday will be observed at all church services.

6:15 p.m., Young People's meeting.

7:30 p.m., evening service.

Tuesday evening, Cottage prayer meeting.

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Women's Missionary Circle at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Marcy.

Friday, 3:30, Sing and Bring club.

Friday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and Bible study.

Saturday, 10:05-10:30 a.m., Sing and Bring club on WHAI.

## ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

REV. EVERETT MOORE, Pastor

MRS. STELLA POWELL, Organist

MRS. HAROLD PARSONS, Sunday School Superintendent

Saturday afternoon, March 8, 3 p.m., basketball with Community Bible church team at Pioneer Valley regional school gymnasium.

Sunday:

10:30 a.m., Morning Worship.

Sermon subject, "The Disciple Jesus Loved."

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## Dickinson Library Notes

Mrs. Florence Phelps, Librarian

The schools are open again after a week's vacation and once more the library will be busy with the children, especially those of the elementary grades.

We have received about 35 of the new books recently ordered, both adult and juvenile, which are being processed and readied for circulation. We hope to have them available very soon. In order that all may read the new ones before school closes, we will reserve all juvenile titles for children making such requests.

In the adult books, only books of non-fiction or two-week books may be reserved by our readers. Either call or phone for reservations on titles desired.

List of the new books: Marguerite Allis, Free Soil, further stories of the Field family; Henry Beetle Hough, The New England Story; Anya Seton, The Winthrop Woman; Worley, Dr. John's Decision; Paul Wellman, Ride the Red Earth; Dale Evans Rogers, To My Son; Luccock, Living without Gloves; Kimmel, Mr. Lincoln's Washington; Winston Churchill, Volume 4 of History of the English Speaking Peoples, The Great Democracies. Also the 1958 edition of World Almanac and My Seven Sons, by Washburn, seven Maine sons.

Juvenile titles: Caffrey, Pony

Duet; Farley, Black Stallion Mystery; Greene, I Want to Be a Postman; Lake, Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp; Harris, Slim Green; Lenski, Houseboat Girl; Du Jardin, Senior Prom; Stevenson, George Washington; Parks, Teddy Roosevelt; Van Riper, Babe Ruth; Widdemer, Alexander Bell; Tenson, My Hobby Is Collecting Rocks and Minerals; Kehr, My Hobby Is Collecting Stamps; Zim, Codes and Secret Writing; North George Washington, Frontier Colonel; Mason, Mark Twain; Beard Presidents in American History; Burton, Mike Mulligan's Steam Shovel; MacGregor, Miss Pickrell Goes to Mars.

The new books will be on display and will be available as soon as catalogued. The exhibit of Lincoln photographs, newspapers of the period, cast of Lincoln's hands and other items in the collection were of decided interest to adults and children. We are very grateful to the exhibitor (who wished to remain anonymous) for sharing his fine collection with the townspeople.

The week of March 16-22 is National Library Week and is being observed here at the Dickinson Memorial library. A full program of the weeks' events will be given next week.



There's always one closet in every house that's the catch-all for everything from worn-out rubbers to mops and pails.

When this forgotten corner of chaos becomes the center of activity around spring cleaning time, there probably isn't a homemaker who doesn't vow a dress rehearsal in her cleaning closet!

You're off to the best start in spring cleaning, says Servicemaster, the national home furnishings care organization, when this basic equipment is all at hand and well arranged:

1. A variety of clean rags, from chamois to scraps of old bath towels.
2. A supply of soap and detergents, along with two pails.
3. Polishes and waxes for floors and for furniture.
4. The First Aid Kit which contains solutions for freshening carpets and upholstered pieces as well as a variety of spot removers.
5. Mops and brushes, including the Magic Carpet Brush, for freshening area rugs.
6. Moth-proof and static proof solutions for finishing touches of good housekeeping.

Walls of peg-board in the closet will probably prove most efficient for multiple needs.

The versatility of peg-board allows placement of shelves for easiest access to bottles and cartons, and still gives needed wall area for hanging such items as pails, brushes, and mops.

Servicemaster suggests keeping a tote basket on one shelf, for carrying all the supplies you plan to use.



"Every man has an equal chance to become greater than he is!"



"No use to put your foot down when you haven't a leg to stand on!"

Just when you get enough money to buy something you had classed as a luxury it ceases to be a luxury.

and trip of the Mayflower II shown by Rev. Fred Flewelling.

Tuesday evening quarterly church business meeting.

Thursday, 7:45 p.m., prayer meeting.

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ARE GUIDES TO BETTER  
SHOPPING

## Kiwanis Plans Minstrel Show

The Northfield Kiwanis club is meeting Monday evening voted to present a minstrel show in the Pioneer Valley regional school auditorium, May 16 and 17. The club played to a capacity house in the Northfield town hall last year and plans are under way for even better effort this year.

The speaker for Monday's program was Rollin H. Barrett, former professor of Farm Management at the University of Massachusetts, now retired after 30 years association with the university. Barrett showed a movie on "Artificial Insemination" which he had produced while at the university in cooperation with the Massachusetts Selective Breeders association and in connection with his hobby of photography.

Barrett explained the Lotta Crabtree fund which was established by the famous stage actress for the use of graduates in agriculture courses at the university and at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. The fund which is loaned, interest free, is administered by a board of trustees who work on recommendations of a board at the college. Barrett was a member of the college committee for 15 years, serving as secretary and an appraiser. Edward Parsons, chairman of the agriculture and conservation committee of the Kiwanis club, is a recipient of the Crabtree fund.

An unusual program featuring box lunches is planned by Parsons' committee for next Monday, March 10, with the three-fold purpose of reducing the food in government warehouses, giving assistance in countries suffering from food scarcities, and emphasizing Lenten sacrifice. Each member will take a box lunch for exchange at the meeting. Money usually paid for dinner will be contributed for CARE packages. Time and place for the meeting will be announced.

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10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.  
11:45—Sunday School.  
7 p.m., the first Young People's meeting for all young people from age 10 up. Leader, Miss Barbara Cutler.  
7:30—Evening service with Bible study of the Book of Amos continued.  
Monday, 6:30 p.m., State Line Fellowship supper meeting followed by a film about the building

# Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Leavis have gone on a vacation in Florida.

Dr. F. W. Dean returned from Florida Sunday and began office hours on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rikert are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rikert.

At the Thursday evening Lenten service in the Trinitarian Congregational church at 7:30 p.m., Rev. Edgar Flory of Winchester spoke.

Mrs. V. P. Squires left Monday to spend a few days with her son's family in New London, N. H., Colby junior college.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic C. Carruth, who own a summer home on the Ridge, returned to East Northfield for last weekend.

Mrs. Maude Wood has returned to her home at 112 Main street after spending two and a half months at the Northfield hotel.

Mrs. Leland Black and her two children are staying with the family of her sister, Mrs. Harold Hales of Bernardston. She is working at the H. Margolin Co. in Brattleboro.

Miss Miriam Trowbridge plans to leave here on March 14 to go to Boston to attend board meetings of the Fernside Vacation House in Princeton, Mass.; the McCall missions, the Continuation club of the American Board of Missions. Miss Trowbridge spent six years in France where at one time there were 150 McCall mission stations. She worked with this organization.

Northfield women who participated in the World Day of Prayer will be interested in a result of last year's observance of this world-wide celebration. In Newton the new Eliot church was used for the 1958 service. It has been rebuilt after a fire which completely destroyed the building. Rebuilding was made possible by the gifts of friends. Included among them were a group of women in Bailundo, Angola, Africa, who gave part of their offering on the 1957 World Day of Prayer for the Newton church. Miss Miriam Trowbridge has been a member of this church for many years before coming to live in East Northfield.

Mrs. Albert Anderson reports that \$450 was raised for the Heart fund in the door-to-door canvas. White envelopes left at homes where no one was present are coming in now with further contributions.

At commencement time in June the Northfield schools will present "The Pirates of Penzance." Chosen as members of the chorus are the following town girls: Jane Schouler, Karalee Eastman, Joy Moore, Betsey Meany, Sheila Raymond and Karen Forslund.

In the Mt. Hermon assembly on Thursday Lawrence Wikander spoke on Book Censorship. He is librarian of Forbes library, Northampton, and feels book censorship

is one great danger to our civil rights.

Last Wednesday evening Miss Eva Freeman, chairman of the English department of the Northfield School for Girls, arranged for 140 seniors to go to the Amherst college production of "Romeo and Juliet." Miss Freeman, her brother, Wilfred Freeman, and other members of the department accompanied the girls.

## Through a Kitchen Window

A new commemorative stamp, the latest U. S. issue, will make its debut March 15, 1958, at Ithaca, New York. This green, 3¢ Gardening and Horticulture stamp will be released on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Liberty Hyde Bailey in conjunction with the centennial celebration sponsored by Cornell University in honor of this great personality—an outstanding horticulturist, pioneer agricultural educator, author and philosopher.

An allegorical figure, holding a horn of plenty overflowing with the fruits of the earth, forms the central motif of this decorative stamp. In the upper right hand corner are blossoms of the rose and columbine and at the lower left, beside the figure, are flowers and shrubs. Across the top and down the right side are the words GARDENING and HORTICULTURE. U. S. POSTAGE appears at the lower edge and "3¢" fills the lower right hand corner.

Liberty Hyde Bailey (1858-1954) was a tall, spare man with kindly eyes that were keen and marvelously intelligent. An energetic person, he had a genius for leadership. His profound faith and clear vision helped him to see beyond his horizon. He was an inspiring and imaginative teacher who never lost his love and enthusiasm for even the smallest details of the farm.

He was born on a farm in Michigan which his Vermont father had hewn out of the wilderness three years before the Civil War and three years after the founding of the first Agricultural college in the U. S. at Lansing, Michigan. His name, Liberty, means freedom and his English grandfather said all men should be free. In his growing-up days, he helped with the tanning of hides, the making of tallow candles, soap and butter in a dash churn. He remembered the spinning wheel's hum, the cutting of hay with a scythe, and the Potawatomi Indians befriended by his father. He loved and cherished the soil and developed a keen interest in his surroundings with special encouragement from an understanding rural school teacher.

Following graduation from Michigan Agricultural college (now Michigan State college) he became an assistant to the famous botanist, Asa Gray, at Harvard, then returned to Michigan to develop the first department of horticulture in the U. S. Called to Cornell, he became head of horticulture and later served brilliantly as dean of the college of agriculture, and then, director of the L. H. Bailey Hortorium.

He pioneered in the control of plant diseases and established the first department of plant pathology. A prodigious worker and for-

ward looking, he established departments of farm mechanics and dairy industry, and believing that extension work should reach women and children as well as the farmer, he created a department of home economics and fostered the Cornell nature-study movement.

A prolific writer on agricultural subjects, perhaps his best known works are the *Standard Cyclopaedia of Horticulture*, six volumes, *Cyclopaedia of Horticulture*, and *Cyclopaedia of Agriculture*, each four volumes, and *The Holy Earth*. He wrote books on various phases of horticulture, plant breeding and evolution at the same time contributing countless articles to press and magazines, from scientific treatises to verse and philosophy.

President Theodore Roosevelt appointed him chairman of the country life commission. Horticultural and agricultural societies throughout the world honored him; universities recognized his unusual abilities with honorary degrees; and a large auditorium on the Cornell campus bears his name.

He retired from the deanship of the college of agriculture in 1913 to devote his time to writing about plants, and to botanical research. He gave to Cornell his vast herbarium of plant specimens which he had maintained and added to continually, a fine collection of botanical books and the building in which they were housed now known as the Bailey Hortorium, half way up the hill between the center of Ithaca and the university. Here next door to his residence, he continued to work and publish with the valuable assistance of his daughter, Ethel Zoe Bailey.

During the latter portion of his life, his enthusiasm was centered around palms and he travelled far and wide searching for rare specimens. I remember him saying once that everyone should have a "palm" in his life. How true.

Harmar

## Extension Service Plans Leader Meet

The scrub pail, brush and carpet beater were once standard equipment in every home, but as time has changed, so has equipment.

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Tuesday, March 11, Community rooms, Shelburne Falls, 10:30-3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, Guiding Star Grange, Greenfield, 10:30-3 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, First Methodist church, Orange, 10:30-3 p.m.

These meetings will include information on: Floor care, types of waxes, what to look for in brooms, brushes and mops, materials and methods for cleaning windows, cleaning paints and wallpaper, care of metals and porcelain.

These will be work meetings and you will have the opportunity to try some of the materials on the market. Each person attending the leader-meetings must pass the information on to five other people. As a leader, you will be given outlines, bulletins and samples of materials and equipment to use at your meetings.

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## Hymn Collection

### Still Valued

By Mrs. E. M. Powell

Northfield has had several reminders of the past during recent weeks. Founders' day brought back old memories and new material about D. L. Moody. The heavy snowstorms recalled the blizzard of '88. Now another unusual reminder has come to Mrs. W. R. Moody at The Homestead. A Mrs. Hill of Santa Barbara, Cal., has sent to her a photostat of the song Mrs. Moody and her father wrote for the 89th birthday celebration of Betsy Holton Moody. Here is the title:

*'Tis Evening in Winter*

Written for the young ladies of Northfield Seminary to be sung on the 89th birthday of Mrs. Betsey Moody, mother of D. L. Moody, Northfield, Mass., Feb. 5, 1894:

The composer of the words is given as "Elnathan," a Bible name D. W. Whittle took because, in religious services, he used many hymns composed by himself, and he did not wish his own name to appear. The composer of the music is given as "Miss Mary Whittle." The verses follow:

'Tis evening in winter, and sweet to the sight,  
On Northfield's fair hillside, the soft mellow light;  
The sun seems to linger as loving to stay,  
And crown with fresh splendor the closing of day.

The valley of Verion and Hermon's fair height  
Are bathed by the sunset in silvery light:

The fringe on the mountains of ever green pine,  
Is tinged with a halo of glory divine.

The clouds swing like pennants across the blue sky  
All tinted with crimson, like banners they fly;

The bright star to herald, their night watch to keep  
O'er a world that in safety shall peacefully sleep.

O thus to our dear ones, may life's journey close;  
Each morning bring blessing, each evening repose;  
May sunset be lengthened with twilight divine,  
And bring in the heavens the star of hope shine.

### CHORUS

Dear mother, thus peaceful may life's closing days  
For thee and thy loved ones be kept to God's praise;  
Still linger we pray thee, thy children to show,  
How faithful the mercies, God's people may know.

When Mrs. William Revell Moody had a collection of twenty-nine hymns she had written privately printed for her four daughters, many friends thought the booklet contained all of her manuscripts. But such is not the case. Not only

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is there this birthday hymn, so recently brought to light, but there were other manuscripts she has lost track of. When the National Cathedral in Washington was first being built, a man connected with the cathedral, in making a vast collection of the works of American hymn writers, wrote and asked Mrs. Moody for her compositions. She sent them to this national hymn depository and now it is to be hoped that some day they will return to Northfield and to the Moody museum where they belong.

Among Mrs. Moody's best loved hymns are "Moment by Moment," "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne," "The Light of the World Is Jesus" and "The Story of Jesus Can Never Grow Old."

Mrs. Moody will be 88 on March 20 and the words and music which were composed for Betsy Moody on her 89th birthday are appropriate for her, too. For three-quarters of a century she has had a host of friends on both sides of the Atlantic. Naturally many of these friends were musicians and hymn writers, or belonged to families famous for their contribution to American music. Among these friends has been Mrs. Edward McDowell who gave to Mrs. Moody some of her husband's manuscript music. Framed it now hangs beside the piano in The Homestead; the piano which Mrs. Moody still plays with beauty and relish.

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## Essay Contestants Receive Stamps

The Northfield Stamp club met Friday evening at the home of the president, William Cook. Ralph Kruk, president of the Greenfield club, presented a set of stamps to each of the 13 members who had written an essay on "Why I Collect Stamps." He also showed a water mark detector, showed water marks on British stamps, explained different water marks and the effect on the value of the stamps.

Three new members were registered, Christopher Sheldon, Mrs. Fred Arsenault and James Anderson. The club is planning an exhibit at the Dickinson Memorial library during National Library week, March 16 to 22 and will take stamps for the exhibit to the next meeting, March 14, at the Cook home. A vice president will be elected at this meeting.

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## Pioneer Regional High News

As usual this week has been a very busy one here at PVRS. New classroom activities and club events seem to be cropping up so fast that everyone has plenty to do.

During our recent school vacation while we were all freezing and buried in snow Eunice Stafford, a member of the sophomore class, was enjoying Florida sunshine. On Friday, Feb. 28, Eunice, her brother and sister and her parents got into the car and waved goodbye to snow and ice. For ten days they swam, water skied and gathered shells by the ocean. They returned Monday, March 3. Eunice entertained Mrs. Mark Aldrich's sophomore English class with a vivid description of her trip. Although it is impossible for all of us to have a Florida vacation, everyone enjoyed hearing about Eunice's trip.

Mike Sloan and Albert Hubbard, members of the F.F.A., accompanied by Mr. Brian Overdorff, the vocational agriculture teacher, were interviewed at WHAI in Greenfield last week. Walter Wagner asked them questions about the vocational agriculture course they are taking and shop facilities here at school.

A state judging contest is to be held in Amherst this spring and T.B. field nurse for Massachusetts member of the Future Farmers of America association, will participate in that event.

Last Saturday night nine of our varsity cheerleaders participated in the cheerleaders' tournament at Frontier regional school in South Deerfield. Although the girls didn't win, they enjoyed being a part of this contest and learned a great deal from other cheerleaders, which will aid them in future cheering.

At assembly on Monday the student body saw a film on the fight against tuberculosis. Discussion was led by Dr. Boris Vanadzin, assistant district health officer, and Miss Cecilia Gearan, supervisor Francis Sobieski, a junior, also a sets department of public health. Miss Priscilla Abbott, executive director of the Franklin County Public Health association, was also present. Dr. Vanadzin explained that Northfield has been chosen as the center for a pilot study of the effects of the Mantoux test which is an intradermal test, different from the Patch test, to determine the presence of tuberculosis.

The test will be given at PVRS only with the permission of parents, on Monday, March 17. A doctor from the Rutland state sanatorium in Massachusetts will administer the tests and a doctor from that institution will read them.

Legislation concerning the Mantoux tests in the Massachusetts legislature is referred to under house bill #71 and will become effective in April or May, 1958. After school all the school nurses and school doctors of Franklin county as well as many teachers from the Union attended a meeting to hear further explanation about these tests. It is hoped that parents will be willing to have their children take part in the testing program.

As it is already known, the Pioneer Valley boys' basketball team won on Monday night at Turners Falls against Leland and Gray. This enables our team to play tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

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In Turners Falls against Hardwick. Our cheerleaders will sell programs at these tournament games.

The cover of the tournament program was designed by Marianne Smith, a member of the junior class of Pioneer Valley regional school.

Anyone who peeked through the gymnasium door this week at the girls' physical education classes probably saw a very amusing sight. Under the direction of Miss Ellinor Smiley the girls have been learning, or at least attempting to learn, how to tumble. As a result of the various somersaults, rolls and exercises many of the girls have been complaining of stiff necks and aching muscles. However, we feel sure that all the girls will soon be "fit as a fiddle" and quite skilled in the art of tumbling.

The 32 boys in the industrial arts department, under the guidance of Duane Pierce, have been producing some very fine household items which their mothers will be very proud to use in their homes. So far the class has completed bookshelves, footstools and serving trays. These are fashioned from knotty pine and are given a natural, shellac finish.

Rehearsals for a talent show to be presented at school assembly in about two weeks were held Wednesday after school. Approximately 40 students will present dancing, singing, piano and comedian acts. Brian Scott will be the master of ceremonies and Roland Emory is assisting in rehearsals.

Tryouts are being held for an operetta which is to be presented by members of the glee club in May. Miss Dorothy Eccles, music supervisor, has announced that the name of the operetta is "Jeanie," composed by Paul Munroe with music written by Ira B. Wilson. Rehearsals will start very soon.

The guidance classes of grades 7-10 under the direction of Miss Evelyn Lawley, John Trumbull and Mrs. Samuel Yeager, have been practicing the correct use of the telephone.

A demonstration telephone set was lent to the school by Norman Clarke, head of the Greenfield department of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company.

This set consists of an equipment box with a built-in amplifier and loud speaker to which are connected two telephones. Dial tones, busy signals and the ringing of the telephones are simulated in the room as the set is used. With this equipment it is hoped that everyone will learn the proper way to use a telephone.

The seniors are very busy making preparations for their Washington trip and a few students are making arrangements for their future careers and occupations.

Harry White of the senior class went to the University of Massachusetts on Tuesday morning for an interview. He plans to attend college there next fall.

Rehearsals for the senior play are well under way with Miss Evelyn Lawley as director. This play will be presented March 28 and 29. We all hope that the installation of the auditorium curtains will be completed by that time. So far a green overhead curtain has been put up.

Friday, March 14, the seniors will sponsor a round and square dance in the school gymnasium. Next week we will have more details on this for you.

Marks close Friday before mid-term warnings are to be issued. We hope that there will not be very many warnings this time. The teachers have been keeping students in increasing numbers for extra help after school and much more emphasis has been placed on doing better quality work. Mr. Leonard and all teachers are hoping that the students will continue to try harder and really work earnestly and conscientiously.

## W Kamys to Speak At Fortnightly

A social time with a coffee hour preceded the meeting of the Fortnightly on Friday afternoon. Coffee and cake were served by Mrs. Bernard Whitney, Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. Fred Huber and Miss Bessie Moore with Mrs. Roy Fish and Mrs. Aaron Newton pouring at a table beautiful with pink carnations and candles.

Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, president, presided and the invocation in the form of the Golden Rule of seven faiths was given by Mrs. Howard Briggs who informed the group that the Federation of Women's clubs has a very active department of religion.

Mrs. Orville Mirtz was named as a member of the nominating committee for three years.

Leaflets about fluoridation of drinking water were available to those interested.

Mrs. Robert Wood of the program committee introduced Mrs. Arthur Bolton, Jr., who pleased her audience with a group of piano selections.

Mrs. Wood also introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Dr. Raymond A. Kinmonth, with his wife, who have recently come to make their home here in Northfield. Dr. Kinmonth spoke on "Mental Deficiency" and the work done in institutions with these people. There are in this state four schools for the mentally deficient, the Fernald school at Waverly, the one at Belchertown, Wrentham school and a new one, the Miles Standish school at Taunton.

These schools are planned to eventually take care of 2,000 patients each. He told of the educational and occupational training these children and adults receive and of some of the problems of their care and rehabilitation.

Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr., was door hostess. The next meeting will be held Friday afternoon of this week when Walter Kamys will speak on "Modern Art." The 3 o'clock program will be preceded by the coffee hour from 2 to 3 o'clock.

Mr. Kamys is a resident of Montague and one of the best known artists in this area. He has exhibited at many shows, having held one-man shows at the Carpenter gallery at Dartmouth, the Smith Art Museum, the Margaret Brown gallery in Boston, the Mortimer Levitt gallery and the Bertha Schaefer gallery and has exhibited in group exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, Salone des Realites Nouvelles, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Institute of Contemporary Art, Carnegie Institute, Brooklyn Museum, Dayton Art Institute, Canton Art Institute and many others. He has received many awards, among them the Mrs. Davis Dunbar award, third annual Berkshire show, 1954; sec-

## Heart Fund Tops 1957 Collection

A total of over \$500 is reported by Mrs. Albert Anderson, chairman of the local Heart fund collection, to have been received, exceeding the 1956 total by \$100 and last year's total by \$25. Mrs. Anderson expresses her appreciation to all who helped in any way to make this collection such a success.

### BAPTIST CHURCH COUPLES CLUB

The Couples club of the Northfield Baptist church will meet at the church Saturday, March 8, at 7 o'clock. From there it will go bowling at Turners Falls. Any couples interested may join the group. There is no age limit.

ond prize, Boston Art Festival, 1955; Jeffery Amherst prize in 1957.

His subject Friday afternoon is to be "American Art and the Artist."



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## OES Installation Scheduled Apr. 26

At the annual meeting of the Northfield chapter, Order of Eastern Star, last week Mrs. Addie Black of Winchester road was re-elected matron. Harold Carroll was elected patron.

Also elected were Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr., secretary; Mrs. Albert Anderson, treasurer; Mrs. Joseph Morgan, conductress, and Willis Parker, trustee for three years; Mrs. F. Sumner Turner, associate matron; Ralph M. Forsyth, associate patron; and Mrs. Edmund Morgan, associate conductress.

The date of a semi-public installation will be April 26 at 8 p.m. Members of the Western Maybelles and Beaux association will be on the installing suite.

## Fortnightly Enjoys Talk on American Art

A good number of Fortnightly members met on Friday at the Alexander Hall and enjoyed the coffee hour which preceded the meeting. The hostesses in charge were Mrs. Lounier Drury, chairman, Mrs. Arthur Bolton, Mrs. Louis Webber and Mrs. Ross L. Spencer. Mrs. Chester MacCrocken and Mrs. Roy Barrows poured. Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed was door hostess.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ross L. Spencer president and Mrs. Donald McCollester gave the invocation.

Miss Bessie Moore, chairman of the program committee introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Walter Kamys of Leverett, who spoke on "American Art and the Artist." Mr. Kemys spoke in an informal manner of the problem, hopes, and aspirations of artists. He showed pictures of modern art an oil and an ink drawing done by himself and a water color, an etching and a wood cut done by other artists, all beautifully done in the modern manner. Mr. Kemys teaches at the Smith Museum of Springfield.

The business meeting followed the speaker. An afghan made by Miss Florence Colby and Mrs. John F. Schmidke was exhibited and will be presented to a local nursing home.

The club will furnish cookies for an Easter coffee hour at Leeds Veterans Hospital on April 5 and any members who would like to furnish cookies or brownies may call Mrs. William H. Hawley.

An announcement was made that the April 25 luncheon meeting will be held away from Northfield. A report of the By-Law committee was read by Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr., and the new By-Laws will be acted upon at the next meeting. The committee members are Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Ralph Sargent and Mrs. Edgar Livingston.

An announcement was made of the annual celebrity breakfast to be held by the Greenfield Women's Club. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr. The breakfast will be held at the Weldon Hotel at 11:30 on March 25.

A change in the planned schedule will make the annual meeting with a play, directed by Mrs. Achilles E. Davis, come at the next meeting on March 21. At this meeting action will also be taken in the new By-Laws.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stange who have been in Florida for a month, returned to their North Lane home on March 2.

## PVR Advisory Council Plans Summer Work

A meeting of the Pioneer Valley Regional Advisory Council for Vocational Agriculture was held at the Pioneer Valley School in the agriculture building on Tuesday evening, March 11. Several suggestions and some tentative plans were made concerning summer placement on farms for boys in the FFA program. The FFA chapter has been invited to visit the Massachusetts Selective Breeding Association at Shrewsbury. It is hoped that transportation will be available so that the boys can make the trip this spring.

## Record Hop Set For March 15

The Youth Group of the Unitarian Church met Sunday evening and discussed "Teen Problems." Russell Reed, president, presided at the meeting. Clemma Black led the worship service and David Billings was in charge of refreshments. Plans were made for a record hop on March 15, Saturday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock to which each member will invite a guest.

On Sunday morning, March 16, the group will serve a church breakfast for which tickets will be sold.

At the next regular Sunday evening meeting on March 23 there will be a discussion of school problems. Brenda Billings will be in charge of the worship service and Robert Williams the refreshments.

## New Exhibit at WHAI To Be Hung March 18

The paintings in the rental collection at the WHAI gallery in Greenfield are now on display through Monday, March 17. Three new artists have loaned their work: Joseph Baker of Greenfield, Harold K. Seaman of Bernardston and John Gnatek of Mount Tom. Other artists who have pictures at the gallery on the rental plan are Robert Bliss, Nord Bowlen, Barbara and Bernard Ethier, Jr., Alwin Gedhardt, Douglas Jones, Dorothy Tufts, Angelina and Lester Stevens, William Ryan, Alton Hawkes and Stephen Hamilton.

Reservations may be made now for a three-months rental of the paintings.

Beginning March 18 there will be an exhibit of portraits in pastel by Eleanor Dow Green of Northampton. This exhibit will continue through the month. The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays or by appointment with the staff.

## Supper to Benefit Scholarship Fund

The Pioneer Valley Teachers Union met at the Bernardston Inn last week and made preliminary plans for a scholarship fund supper to be held in April. The sub-committee in charge of events was Paul Seamans, chairman; F. Sumner Turner, George M. Leonard, Robert C. Upham, John Callaghan and Mrs. Beryl Hammond. Miss Effie Kornstadt, fifth grade teacher in Bernardston, gave an illustrated talk on her summer trip to South America. Miss Dorothy Eccles, music instructor, led the group in singing and Hugh S. Hayden, president, presided.

## Nfld. Grange Plays Host to Young People

The Northfield Grange was host Tuesday evening to 42 young people, Boys and Girl Scouts and 4-H Club members. They were entertained with a program of games and dancing in charge of the lecturer Lewis D. Shine. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Whitney and Mrs. Alice Holloway.

An announcement was made of the supper being served Saturday evening at 6 o'clock for the benefit of the muscular dystrophy fund with Mrs. Isabel Carter as general chairman. A card party will follow at 8 o'clock, in charge of Mrs. Bertha Rikert.

The Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange will meet Monday evening at Whately, supper will be served at 7 o'clock at the Congregational Church followed by the business meeting at 8 o'clock in the Town Hall. The Pioneer Valley Pomona is invited. The one-act play finals will be presented.

It was reported that Robert D. Ware a past master and fifty year member was at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. The birthday of Mrs. Ida Morse and the anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carroll were honored. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Welch of Montague made an official visitation and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blackmer of Shelburne were also guests.

The dress making contest was discussed and all urged to file their entry cards.

## Donkey Basketball Promises Hilarity

Fun loving sports fan are promised a field day of hilarious entertainment when the Ralph Godfrey Donkeys, from Crescent, Oklahoma, come to the Greenfield Community "Y" this Saturday evening, March 15.

A big program has been arranged and in addition to the main event, "Donkey Basketball", preliminary stunts such as "Pop Races" on donkeys, the exciting "Hobby Donkey Derby" and a garment race. Still another big attraction is the trick mule act, to round out a full evening of fun for young and old.

Four girls from the Tri Hi-Y clubs will compete in the "Pop Races".

The "Hobby Donkey Derby" is a series of races on mechanical donkeys. Three charming cheerleaders from Greenfield High, will challenge three prominent Greenfield civic leaders in this fun provoking race.

The YMCA Health and Recreation committee are sponsoring the show at the Greenfield "Y" gym this Saturday evening. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. Admission is 90c for adults and 50c for students.

## Kiwanis Raises \$44 for Care

Northfield Kiwanians met Monday evening at the Girl Scout Little House and by buying box lunches at auction raised \$44 for CARE. This was the first meeting of this sort held by the club. Peter Ladzinski acted as auctioneer and he was assisted by Corys Hesterton and Edward Parsons.

The program was arranged by the group's agriculture and conservation committee, of which Edward Parsons is chairman.

## Exhibits and Displays Highlight Open House at Dickinson Library

### Eugene Gancarz To Head P-TA

Officers were elected at Monday evening's meeting of the Northfield Parent Teacher association. They are Eugene Gancarz, president; Mrs. Wendell Persons, vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Bolton, secretary, and Mrs. Julian Barber, treasurer.

Dr. Carlton Woods spoke on fluoridation and showed a film. The association voted unanimously to support such a project here.

The Center school band under the direction of Eugene Gancarz played a group of selections. He also spoke of the progress of the band. Of 117 who began there are 110 remaining in the program. An invitation was received to the band concert of the Pioneer Valley regional school band in April. Mrs. Willis Parker's grade 5 won the attendance record award.

### Operation Big Burst Directed by H. Field

Monday, Northfield's entire Civil Defense personnel was alerted for "Operation Big Bust," a general test of operations here in Franklin county.

Although there were no audible signals the following departments reported: auxiliary police, auxiliary firemen, supply, welfare, medical, feeding and radiac. Wardens reported and a noon and evening meal was planned for the 5000 evacuees sent here from the Springfield area.

The entire test here was in charge of Horace F. Field, civil defense director. Sidney Given, radiac officer, was on hand to keep check on radio active fallout during the test bombing.

Mrs. Stanley Wickey has been named as head of the department of feeding evacuees sent to this area to replace Mrs. Carroll Miller who recently resigned from that responsibility.

The alert lasted from 1 to 9 p.m.

## Measles Prevalent Among Young Set

There are many cases of measles in town especially among the younger children and with the report of our public health nurse comes the reminder that all contagious diseases must be reported to the board of health. Children returning to school following an illness with a contagious disease must present a certificate from a physician.

Mrs. Marion Billings, public health nurse, reports 95 visits were made last month to non-communicable cases and six to acute communicable cases, including 59 adults, 27 children of school age, one newborn, one pre-school and one post partum.

Four tuberculosis patients were contacted, one taken to the Franklin County public hospital for X-rays and three visited at home.

Rev. Paul L. Bubar, pastor of the Northfield Baptist Church is attending the International Youth for Christ leader conference in Boca Raton, Florida. He will conduct a worship service on Sunday for the Christian Enterprises, Inc. at Orlando.

National Library Week will be observed at the Dickinson Memorial Library, March 16-22, with several events of interest to the townspeople. The library will be open as usual Tuesday through Saturday, and we hope that everyone will make a special effort to visit the library during the week.

On Wednesday, March 19th OPEN HOUSE will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon, and 7:00 to 9:00 in the evening. All will be asked to register and also to name their favorite book. In this way, hope to find out the type of book most people enjoy.

There will be exhibits on both floors by organizations in town and by individuals; such as the Girl Scouts, The Garden Club, The new Stamp Club and The Fortnightly. Mr. Joseph Bilmont will show his collection of "fishing flies"; Mr. F. M. Dunnell his Indian arrowheads; and Mr. Emory Rikert hand carving. The children from the Center School will show illustrated book jackets and posters.

The library will have on display their collection of old Bibles and Hymals. If anyone has a Bible published in the 1700's our oldest edition is 1712. Another display will be photographs depicting the early days of Northfield.

Hostesses will be present both afternoon and evening to conduct visitors to all parts of the library. The purpose of this observance is to better acquaint the townspeople with the facilities and activities of their library.

Our thanks go to the following for their posters announcing the event; Mr. Charles Leach, Mr. Douglas Jones, Mrs. Virginia Haack and the Girl Scouts.

*History of the Library*  
It should be of interest to the people of Northfield to learn a little about the fine structure known as the Dickinson Memorial Library given to the town by a former resident of Northfield; and the activities which have contributed to its present usefulness as an educational institution.

To go back, in 1812, a young lawyer and a graduate of Boston University, Thomas Power, came to Northfield. Wishing to raise the cultural standards of the town, he helped to establish a Social Library, wherein stockholders bought shares at \$1.00 each. The first meeting was held Feb. 4, 1813, with 34 members and a nucleus of 70 books. Mr. Power was the first librarian. From this humble beginning grew our present well-equipped library.

In 1878, Mr. L. T. Webster conceived the idea of having the town take over and support the so-called Social Library, which was so voted at the town meeting. It was also voted to appropriate \$100.00 each year to purchase books. The name was changed to Northfield Public Library and it was located in the Town Hall. It was opened to the public in December, 1878, with 1673 volumes in circulation. It is interesting to note that at that time the library was open three hours on Saturday afternoon and two hours Wednesday evenings; and continued so for twenty years.

In 1897, the present stone structure was given to the town by Mr. Elijah M. Dickinson of Fitchburg, Mass., a former resident of Northfield, and a descendant of Mr. Nathaniel Dickinson, who was massacred by the Indians at Pa-chaug Hill, Northfield, in 1774.

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MRS. F. H. MOSSE, Director of Christian Education

IRVING J. LAWRENCE, Choir Director

MRS. BELLE MARDEN, Organist  
9:45, church school.

11 a.m., public worship. Fourth Sunday in Lent. Sermon subject, "The Unique Galilean." Participating in "The One Great Hour of Sharing" offering. Both choirs will sing. Students from the Northfield School for Girls will attend children of the pre-school age and grades 1-4.

5:15 p.m., Pastor's class in church membership for teenage meeting in the balcony room.

6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People meeting in the vestry. Brian Scott will lead devotions. Roger Lopez will show pictures of flying and automobile travel in Europe.

Meetings for the week in the vestry unless otherwise designated:

Monday, 7:45 p.m., the Friendly Group will meet at the home of Mrs. Richard L. Holbrook, Jr. Mrs. Albert Anderson will speak on the Glidden Tour of Antique Automobiles.

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Bible study for women 20-40 years of age. Mr. Reeves teaching the course. Study

Matthew 6. Children attended by Mrs. Albert Anderson and Mrs. Alvin Scott.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., showing of the spectacular Congregational motion picture, "The Measure of a Moment," narrated by Raymond Massey.

Friday, 3:00 p.m., Youth choir rehearsal. Mrs. Robert P. Barnes, director and accompanist.

Friday, 7:45 p.m., new church building survey committee, Edgar J. Livingston, chairman.

### NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH

CHARLES D. MOORE, Minister  
MRS. L. P. GOODSPED, Organist and Choir Director

RAY A. KNAPP, Church School Superintendent

The Youth Group is serving Sunday morning breakfast to the people of the church at 8:30. The menu includes apple juice, scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, doughnuts and coffee and milk. The price is 50¢ to adults and 25¢ for children.

Sunday worship service, 9:45 a.m., sermon subject, "The Good Life." Children are to attend the first part of the church service with their parents. There will be no meeting of the Youth group Sunday evening.

### ST. PATRICK'S Catholic

REV. HENRY McKEON, Pastor  
REV. ANTHONY RZASA, Curate

Friday, 6 p.m., mass, followed by Stations of the Cross.

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., mass.  
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.

### NORTHFIELD BAPTIST

REV. PAUL L. BUBAR, Pastor  
SAMUEL A. BISHOP, Organist

MRS. RICHARD NEIPP, Assistant Organist

MRS. RALPH PERRY, Pianist  
Sunday, 8:15 a.m., worship WHAI.

10 a.m.—Sunday school, Mrs. William Messer, superintendent.

11 a.m.—Morning worship with sermon. Rev. Robert Hammond of Onset, a graduate of Tennessee Temple college, will conduct this and the evening service.

Nursery and junior church at same hour.

6:30 p.m.—Young People.

7, pre-evening service prayer.

7:30, evening evangelistic hour. Tuesday, 7 p.m., Bible study.

The Northfield Evening School of the Bible will open Tuesday evening, March 18, at the Northfield Baptist church and will continue for six consecutive Tuesday evenings. Registration will be at 6 p.m. March 18, however classes will resume at 7 p.m. each night.

The course will offer four sub-

jects: Ephesians, taught by Dr. Norman Anderson of Brattleboro, Vt.; Study of the Tabernacle, taught by Rev. Hoy of Brattleboro, Vt.; Teacher Training (the art of making and using flannel-graph), taught by Mrs. William Messer, Sr.; The Navigator's Course (scripture memorization and personal work), taught by Mr. Dickerson of Boston.

Registration for adults will be \$3 for the entire six week term.

For students, it will be \$1.50.

The evening school classes have been conducted for the past three years very successfully and it is anticipated there will be a much larger enrollment than previous years.

Thursday evening, "Hour of Power" at 7:30.

### COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

REV. RICHARD GRIFFIN, Pastor

MISS HAZEL JOY MARCY, Organist

LAURENCE MARCY, Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday school.

11:30-12:30 p.m., worship service.

3:30 p.m., service at the Bronson Nursing Home.

Wednesday evening, cottage prayer meeting.

Friday, 3:30, Sing and Bring club.

Friday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and Bible study.

Saturday, 10:05-10:30 a.m., Sing and Bring club on WHAI.

## Exhibits and Displays Highlight Open House at Dickinson Library

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The beautiful granite for this building was quarried in Northfield Mountain; all cutting, dressing of the stone and lettering being done there. The work occupied more than a year. The land for this building site was donated by Mr. Charles Green, who was the father of Mrs. Fanny G. Field of this town, and of the late Mrs. Mark Parker.

This building was dedicated in June, 1898, with dedication services held in the Trinitarian Congregational Church. Mr. Dickinson stated that the building was given without restrictions of any kind. In the deed, however, he states that it should be used only for educational purposes. Book stacks, furniture and fittings were furnished by the town.

Dr. Norman P. Wood, chairman of a board of three trustees, was given the keys to the library, which was to be known as the Dickinson Memorial Library. Mrs. Francis Stockbridge was appointed the first librarian. The number of books had increased to 4152 and the town appropriated \$550.00 for maintenance. Library hours were established for six hours on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday each week and remained as such until 1943.

In 1943, the old counter type charging desk was removed and an up-to-date charging desk installed in the lobby, at the instigation of Miss Ina Merriman. Miss Merriman was a trustee for over twenty years and devoted to the interests of the town and its library. In 1943, the librarian was given a

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## Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forbes of Black River, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter Jacqueline Maureen to Richard Griffin of East Northfield. Mr. Griffin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Griffin of Deposit, N.Y. Miss Forbes will graduate on June 3rd from the Practical Bible Training School of Binghamton, N.Y. A June wedding is planned.

Mr. Griffin is the pastor of the Community No. 3, Bible Church at Northfield Farms, and as a leader, is "Uncle Dick" on the Sing-and-Bring program on WHAI.

The Mt. Hermon spring vacation runs from March 14 to April 3; that of The Northfield School for Girls from March 22 to April 7.

The Spauldings have returned to their antique shop in the Repta Building after spending the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Mary Clapp has been visiting Mrs. V. P. Squires between visits to her son Dr. Paul Clapp of the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Clinic in Hanover, N.H. She expects to sail in mid-May for a year in Ireland where at Dublin she will study early Irish history and poetry. Mrs. Clapp roomed with Mrs. Squires in the college of N. Dakota, and both married professors; Mrs. Clapp, the geology professor and Mrs. Squires, the English. Later Prof Clapp became

President of the University of Montana.

The town welcomes Lily and Dan Hawkins back from Florida as a sure sign of spring and eagerly awaits the opening of the Lily-Dan Restaurant.

John Dale of Warwick Avenue has gone to Florida for two weeks. His sister Mrs. Margaret Broughton of Springfield is staying with his mother and aunt.

Mrs. Constantine George is in Home Science Hall every Saturday afternoon to help girls with sewing.

The James Gillespies will be away for about two months going first to visit their daughter in Washington D. C.

Jimmie Livingston plans to reach home about March 20 for a day leave before going to Germany.

Lt. and Mrs. Edgar Parker came up from Newport, R. I. to attend the Glee Club Festival and visit her parents the George Mc-Ewans.

James Findlay, Jr., left East Northfield on Saturday after spending three and a half weeks here working for his Ph.D. degree thesis. He took over 500 pictures of letters and manuscripts, and looked over Moody material which has as yet not been catalogued. Mr. Findlay went to Northwestern to work under the eminent historian, Arthur Link who is custodian of the Woodrow Wilson papers and has written three of the eight volumes he plans to write on Wilson. It was Link who suggested Moody for the thesis, as no historian has yet written on this Northfield man from a historical viewpoint. From Boston, Mr. Findlay goes next to the Library of Congress in Washington. A letter from his mother, the wife of the President of Drury College in Springfield, Mo., reflected his warm appreciation and enthusiasm of this town and the friendliness of the people who helped him. Among those who gave the Mid-Westerner this impression were H. H. Morse, Miss Elsie Scott, Frank Pearsall, Mrs. C. L. Allen, Mrs. Ansel B. True and the staff of the libraries of The Northfield Schools.

Douglas Polhemus of Springfield visited Northfield this week. Northfield welcomes to their permanent home Miss Gladys Ervine and Mrs. Grace Ervine Holcomb who have spent decades of summers in their home above and northeast of Wanamaker Lake. They have retired and come here to stay.

The Northfield Summer Conference schedule has been announced. One of the outstanding guests who will speak is Dr. Martin Niemoeller, world famous German. This will be the 78th season for the meetings. The opening session starts on June 13 with the Girl's Conference; next, Christian Endeavor, June 21-29; Religious Education, July 9-17; United Presbyterians, July 19-26; Northfield Conference on Evangelism, July 28-Aug. 3. The one conference omitted in this list in the Christian

World Mission, June 29 to July 6 to which Dr. Niemoeller will come. He spent the year 1937-1945 as a political prisoner in Sachenhausen, and Dachau concentration camps.

Miss Maggie Malbon took a part in the opening performance of Girl Scout Week in the Greenfield High School auditorium. She was in one of the episodes in The Life of Juliette Low, founder of the organization. She wore a dress worn by her grandmother, when thirteen, in 1883, Mary Whittle.

The Joseph W. Holtons of Northfield and the Clinton R. Holtons of Latham, N.Y., announce the engagement of their sister, Vera, to James Armstrong Limbert of Park Ridge, Ill. Miss Holton graduated from the local high school here; from Franklin Co. Public Hospital and got her B.S. in nursing from Iowa State University. Mr. Limbert graduated from the University of Illinois.

Center school's visual aid program will be benefited by the students sale of flower and vegetable seeds.

A double christening took place in Manchester, Conn., recently in which the Reeves family took part. First, Rev. Joseph W. Reeves christened his son's second son, Robert Davis Reeves, in the Center Congregational church. For this the godparents were Mr. and Mrs. William L. Whitney. Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Richard Reeves are sisters. Then Rev. Clifford Simpson christened Pamella Whitney, for whom the Richard Reeves stood as godparents. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. George D. Muzzy of Spencer, great-grandparents of two-months-old Robert Reeves.

Dr. Arthur J. Brown, "a centenarian-plus-one," has written a book called "Memoirs of a Centenarian" published by World Horizons, Inc. As Dr. Brown, his family and his brother's family lived on our Main street for several years, the book will be of great interest locally.

A party was given for Mrs. Cynthia Lawson last Tuesday at the Vernon Home to celebrate her 90th birthday. A large bunch of flowers was sent to her by her church, the Advent Christian church of Bristol, Conn.

On Feb. 21 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Whitaker of South Vernon; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Whitaker and Mrs. Helen Tompkins, all of South Vernon.

The Fancy Feathers 4-H club received a second prize ribbon for its display at Avery's store during 4-H club week March 1-8. Members of the club are Carol and Sally Atwood, Charles and Betty Payne, Beatrice Bassett, Kit Clark and Dean Vinten. Stanley Gaida is director of the group. They are to be congratulated on the fine display.

### Declamation Contest Held at Mount Hermon

The Declamation Contest at Mt. Hermon is among the myriad of events which have experienced change. Assembly Hall was packed with students, faculty and friends on Thursday noon, many of whom expected to hear dissertations, a la college debating teams, on Labor Strikes, the United Nations and other weighty subjects. Instead, to the joy of all, six of the cleverest humorous sketches you could ever hope to see on the stage or on TV were presented. "Jack" Baldwin, head of the English Department and "Golf pro" at The Northfield Hotel in the summer, gave very clever introduc-

tions to each of his six students. Here, in Mr. Baldwin's words is the report of what happened.

"The finals of the Joseph Allen Declamation Contest were held in Camp Hall, Mt. Hermon School March 6. The judges were Miss Elizabeth Small of the English department of the Northfield School for Girls; Roy J. Fish, member of the Mt. Hermon Alumni Council, resident of East Northfield and S. Wynne Keever, Director of Studies at the girl's school.

"First place was awarded to John Lewis for his rendition of Deacon Andy Griffith's Southern hillbilly classic, "What It Was Was Football." Harris Banks took second, for his presentation of Robert Benchley's 'The Church Supper'. Joseph Bassett won third honors with Victor Borge's 'Phonetic Punctuation'. Honorable mention was given to Peter Smith, an English exchange student who used an article from 'Punch' relating the experiences of a British teacher in a large mid-western state university. Malcolm Bradbury wrote the article, "Middle-Western Education". Also on the program were Michael Galazka with the story of 'Jinty' by the Rev. Helen Galazka, his mother. Also Stephen Weyte gave Leonard Q. Ross's 'Education of Hyman Kaplan's choosing the selection, 'O'Kaplan, My Kaplan."

Miss Penelope Grant is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Moody. She is the sister of the sister-in-law of their daughter, Mrs. Katherine Moody Bergh, and come from South Africa. Miss Grant will be in the United States two months, having landed in Boston upon arrival. She is enjoying skiing while visiting the Moodys as she has skied in the Alps. Miss Grant, a Ph.D. is a research chemist. Soon she will go to Del Ray, Florida, to visit her uncle, Cecil M. White, president of Price Waterhouse accounting firm, whose home is in Pittsburgh. Later she will visit the Colorado State Agricultural College.

Mrs. F. M. Dunnell who was fortunate enough to win the lucky number coupon in a February contest of a dry cleaning company (Lawtons of Brattleboro) The drawing was on March 1. As a result she could have a \$100 wardrobe or a \$100 check. She took the latter.

The Holy Name Society of St. Patricks Church voted to hold a square dance at PVRA April 18, with Richard Vielmetti as chairman.

Friday noon Dick Birdsall to Northfield people (Dr. Richard Birdsall to the students and Faculty of Conn. College for Women) appeared on the noon show of Tic Tac Dough as a contestant. It was announced his next appearance will be March 17.

Carlton L'Hommiedieu plans to remain at his North Lane home after the Hermon spring recess begins March 24 as he has organ pupils at The Northfield School for Girls. April 3 he plans to go to his home in Norwalk, Conn., to see

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his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Powell and son, Stephen, are moving to their new home in Cleveland. Their address will be 3353 Sylvan-Hurst Road, Cleveland Heights, 12, Ohio.

Miss Evelyn Lawley is directing the senior high school play, "Something Borrowed, Something Blue" which will be presented March 28-29. Money earned will help defray the expenses of the Washington trip.

Thirty five women from the Good Neighbors Club went on a mystery ride recently ending at Yetter the Florists in Greenfield. There they heard a talk on seeds, soil, and pest extermination.

S/3c John Farris received an honorable discharge from the Army at Fort Dix, N.J. after three years service. For the past year he has been in Germany. Now that he is home, his wife has come up from Texas to join him.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wilde and their son and daughter visited his parents at Mt. Hermon during last weeks vacation for public schools. He is assistant to the principal of the S. Glastonbury junior and senior high school.

### NORTHFIELD DAR

The Northfield Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet for luncheon at the Alexander hall Monday afternoon, March 17, at 12:30. Following the luncheon Mrs. James Bissland will speak on "The Shakers" and will exhibit articles used and made by the Shakers.



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## \$50,000 Sewing Contest Sponsored by Nat. Grange

The National Grange is sponsoring a \$50,000 sewing contest in which home sewers are invited to take part. It is open to any Grange member in good standing or to non-Grange members 12 years of age or older who are sponsored by a Grange member. There are 3 classes. A. Adult, 18 years of age and over; B. Youth, 15 through 17 years of age; C. Junior 12 through 14 years of age. Any type of dress may be entered and it must be made by a McCall pattern. The following sponsor's products must be used if the garment requires them.

Crown zippers by Coats and Clark, Coats and Clark thread, covered buttons and belt buckles by Pryon. To enter the contest each contestant must fill out and file on official entry card with the Home Economics chairman of their local Grange. Non-Grange members must have their official entry cards signed by a sponsoring Grange member.

The contest opened on Feb. 1, 1958 and closes April 30 1958. Dresses will be judged at the Subordinate, Pomona, State and National levels and Subordinate Grange judging is to be completed by May 10, 1958. Not only do prize winners receive awards but the Granges receive awards for the total number of entry cards processed from their Grange.

The prizes in the National Contest are thrilling: the first adult award, a trip to the Brussels World's Fair and two weeks in Paris for two plus \$500 personal expense money; the second award a BMW Isetta, the fun car of the year; the 3rd award is a choice of a wardrobe valued at \$500; and the 4th adult award, a ranch mink stole.

Awards for the youth group include a mink bolero, set of sterling silver, a cedar chest and a hi-fidelity record player. The junior awards include a hi fidelity player, a tape recorder, movie outfit and radio, and there are in addition many other awards as well as state awards and bonus awards. An electric organ will be awarded the Grange sending in the largest number of entry cards in re-

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## Through a Kitchen Window

The small white box was postmarked "Carrig-on-Bannow, Co. Wexford, Erie", and it carried a brown and white 2½d stamp with a shield-shaped coat of arms surrounded by clusters of shamrocks. Inside, in a compact mat, were real Irish shamrocks for March 17, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day - a token from overseas cousins.

Unexpected pleasures turn up in the mail, and it is these occasional surprises that give unqualified delight.

Still moist, these small green shamrocks of 3 leaflets brought the breath of Ireland with them. Little things remembered and cherished - crisp salty sea winds, sound of children's laughter, snatches of Gaelic, stone walls lacing the countryside and blue turf smoke hanging low like a halo over the snug thatched cottages. Once again I enjoyed our visit to the Emerald Isles, all because of the bit of green in a little white box, sent to us from County Wexford, which, as all the Irish know, is in the south eastern part of the Irish Republic, now known by the old Gaelic name of Erie, (pronounced "Air'-eh").

The shamrock is the national emblem of Ireland and the common name applied to the good sorrel and the white clover. Both are plants with 3 leaflets. Both are extensively used in celebrating St. Patrick's day in Ireland and other countries, and are said to have been used by St. Patrick to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity. Other plants with 3 leaflets have their supporters for the claim to the true shamrock, also.

According to legend, Saint Patrick, soon after landing on Ireland in 432, established a mission. While delivering a sermon in the open air, he plucked a leaf of 3 leaflets from a small plant growing at his feet, using it as a symbol of the Trinity. Many were converted to Christianity on the spot, so clear and understandable was his explanation. Because of this incident, the shamrock was adopted as the national emblem of Ireland. There are those who claim this to be an unfounded theory, but Irish folklore persists.

It seems that half the world holds that the shamrock is the wood-sorrel, (*Oxalis acetosella*), while the other half insists it is white clover, (*Trifolium repens*).

Wood sorrel is one of the most dainty of woodland plants blooming on St. Patrick's Day. Italian artists delighted in its beauty, and introduced it frequently in their paintings because of the strange interest it held for them with its white flowers stained rose or purple, and its 3 leaflets. In the time of Spenser's *Faerie Queene*, shamrock was said to be good to eat. Because of the pleasant acidity of the leaves, it has been used in salads. Our name "sorrel" is from the Greek for "sour" And children like the tanginess of the leaves

lation to the number of members in their Grange.

Anyone in this area interested in this contest whether Grange members or not should contact the home economics chairman in their local Grange. Here in Northfield more information may be obtained from Mrs. Lura Stone, Grange secretary.

## Roaring Twenties Renaissance



WITH the indestructibility of the phoenix rising from its own ashes, the charming chemise of the "roaring twenties" is reborn in this Shimmy-Shift by Seamprufe . . . It creates fashion news with its piquante eyelet-embroidered V-neck and pinafore sleeve. Bloused to the waistline for extra comfort, its Shirred band midriff is accented by twin horizontal rows of eyelet embroidery complement the neck. A dust-ruffle skirt starting from the hip-line, set-off by a wide-ribbed streamer at the back "V", complete this dainty, doll-like creation. At department and specialty stores everywhere.

and seed pods they call "pickles". The delicate heart-shaped leaflets sleep at night. They droop and close, folding one against the other to protect themselves from chill.

Throughout Europe wood sorrel was called "Hallelujah" since it flowers between Easter and Whitsuntide when the church choirs could be heard singing the Psalms. In England it was known as cuckoo-bread, the name springing from the fact that it blooms when the cuckoo is first heard.

The flowers and pods of white clover "shamrock" were ground into powder and used as food in time of famine in Ireland and Scotland. It is a harder plant than the sorrel and said to be the one most commonly used to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Ireland. It is found everywhere and considered to be the genuine Irish shamrock. A botanist, after careful examination identified our shamrocks in the little white box as clover.

Perhaps the shamrock is sorrel, or clover, or another plant with 3 leaflets. I still like to think of it as a species apart. A shamrock is a shamrock. However, I suspect this to be an unfounded theory, but Irish folklore persists.

It seems that the question as to its true identity will always be an open one.

### Who Was St. Patrick?

It is that time of the year when shop windows and school blackboards are once again decorated with the shamrock and green is the most popular color—all this in honor of St. Patrick. But just what does the shamrock stand for and why do so many people honor and love this man, who lived some 1,500 years ago?

He was born in the year 396 and lived to the age of 97. There is some uncertainty about the place of his birth, but he was probably born at Newthur, in British Roman Valentia, or a place we now know of as Dunbarton, Scotland. When a young man of 16 he was captured by pirates and sold a year later on the opposite shore to an Irish chief. After spending six years as a herder of cattle he was able to escape to France where he entered a monastery at Tours. In the year 431 he visited Rome. One year later Pope Celestine I sent him as a Christian missionary to Ireland. He must have been a very busy man for one encyclopedia credits him with baptising 12,000 persons, establishing 365 churches and ordaining a large number of priests.

Where does the shamrock come in? It is believed that St. Patrick illustrated the doctrine of the Trinity with a trefoil plant. A plant commonly sold in Dublin on St. Patrick's day is the yellow trefoil.

## Pioneer Regional High News

Different things are happening at PVRA every week, and this week has been no exception.

Recently an assembly was conducted in the auditorium for both junior and senior high school students. It concerned fire prevention and wild life conservation. An interesting film was shown on this subject and Mr. Bennett, from the conservation service, spoke to us briefly. Everyone enjoyed this assembly, and it is hoped that soon there will be a different assembly scheduled for every week.

Mr. Leonard is pleased to announce that 280 out of 340 students at our school have returned their permission slips for tuberculosis tests with their parents' signatures. These tests will be given Monday.

Intramural basketball games will start tonight after school for any boys who are interested. There are two groups of teams. One group consists of seventh and eighth grades, and a second group of high school boys. Each team will compete against a team in its own age group. Mr. Messer boys' coach is glad to have so many boys interested in this activity.

Members of the senior class have been especially busy this week. On Monday, Nancy Oakman and Nancy Coates accompanied Mrs. Ruth Young to Springfield to attend the NOMA meeting at the Mass. Mutual Life Insurance building. At 6:00 p.m. they attended a dinner and at 7:30 p.m., they enjoyed entertainment in the auditorium of Mass Mutual.

Representatives from the senior class of all high schools in the area were invited to this meeting with a different business firm sponsoring each high school. The Pro-Phy-Lac-Tic Brush Co. of Florence, Mass., sponsored the trip for members of our school. They were taken on a tour through the building and were shown the many business machines.

Mr. Hodgson, personnel director of the Pro-Phy-Lac-Tic Brush Co., gave them the tour and transported them to the NOMA meeting in Springfield.

Prior to this, Miss Oakman and Miss Coates toured the Northampton Commercial College. The girls returned home tired but with the feeling that they had gained much knowledge about opportunities in the field of business.

James Dresser has been accepted at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Mass.

David Billings, also a senior, went to the Statehouse in Boston as Good Government Day representative from our school. Marianne Smith, a junior, went as his alternate. The Good Government Day program started at 9:30 a.m. and lasted throughout the afternoon. Representatives were served a box lunch at noon spon-

sored by the Mass. Teachers' Association.

The senior class has also been making preparations for its Washington trip in April. To help pay for this trip they are going to sponsor another round and square dance, Friday, March 14, from 8 to 12. The dance will be held at the gym and the orchestra will be the Silver Diamonds, with Ted Cromack calling. Refreshments will be served.

Pioneer will play another basketball game at the Tri-State Tournament in Turners Falls Monday, March 17. Our boys will compete against Warren High School. This should prove to be an exciting game.

A subscription to the Christian Science Monitor has been donated to our school for two weeks, on a trial basis. It is being placed in the lobby for students to read.

At the beginning of the week two of our teachers were absent, John Trumbell, and Mrs. Eugene Hammond. Substituting for Mr. Trumbell was Mrs. Phelps of Greenfield, Mrs. Coombs, also of Greenfield, substituted for Mrs. Hammond.

Yesterday mid-marking period warning slips were given out to those pupils who aren't doing as well as they could be in their subjects.

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